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DISMISSED SHIP Naval Surgeon Before Court Martial

AT A COURT MARTIAL HELD ON BOARD H.M.S. "AORANGI" YESTERDAY, SURGEON-LIEUT. JOHN MCLEAN SMITH, M.B., R.N.V.R., FORMERLY OF H.M.S. "AMETHYST" AND NOW OF H.M.S. "AORANGI," WAS CHARGED OF BEING GUILTY OF AN ACT TO THE PREJUDICE OF GOOD ORDER AND NAVAL DISCIPLINE BY CAUSING A CERTIFICATE OF CONDUCT WHICH HIS COMMANDING OFFICER, LIEUT.-COMMANDER SCOTT-ELLIOT, HAD HANDED TO HIM TO BE RETURNED TO THE LIEUT.-COMMANDER IN A TORN CONDITION.

THE COURT FOUND THE CHARGE PROVED AND THE SENTENCE WAS THAT HIS SHIP AND BE SEVERELY REPRIMANDED.

The court consisted of Capt. Geoffrey Thirlton Smith, G.M., R.N., of H.M.S. "Manxman," Lt. Gordonway Evans Pryse Lloyd, R.N.V.R., of H.M.S. "Montclaro," and Lt.-Cdr. Thomas Frederick Taylor, D.S.C., R.N. of H.M.S. "Teazer."

The prosecution was conducted by Capt. C. P. Frend, accused was defended by Mr. M. A. de Silva, instructed by Lieut. M. E. Jupp.

The evidence of the prosecution was that on accused's discharge from H.M.S. Amethyst on October 16 he handed his certificate of conduct by Lieut.-Commander Scott-Elliott. Shortly after, on the quarter deck, accused tore up the certificate into four pieces, put the parts in an envelope, re-addressed it to his commanding officer and sent it back.

At the outset Mr. Silva made a preliminary submission that Captain Frend should not be allowed to conduct the prosecution as he might be a possible witness. This submission was overruled by the Court.

OBJECTION UPHELD

Later in the proceedings when Captain Frend cross-examined accused regarding an affidavit which he was present, Mr. Silva objected to the cross-examination on the ground that when Captain Frend put to accused a different view he was in effect telling accused that he disagreed with what had happened without having to go into the witness box and be cross-examined.

This submission was held good by the Court and Captain Frend was told to confine his cross-examining to events at which he was not present.

In cross-examination Lieut.-Commander Elliott stated that at Manus he refused the recommendation of accused that a Lieut.-Jung go shirtless in order to effect a cure for prickly heat. He admitted that men from other neighbouring ships, such as H.M.S. Hart, were shirtless though capped. He was following orders.

Continuing, witness agreed that in the Mediterranean he had agreed that no C.D.A. mess would be established on the ship.

UNDER ARREST

When a case of V.D. was reported to him he had to take action as the patient was the servant of an officer. He was told the name of this patient by accused. A few days later a second case occurred and this time accused refused to divulge the name of the patient.

It was also stated that accused in making certain representations had in witness' opinion acted in a subversive manner.

Accused was placed under arrest for five days shortly after and relieved of his duties. Further correspondence ensued and in the end on the sixth day accused was released by way of dismissal to another ship.

In cross-examination witness said that in the certificate of conduct accused was given a weak character. It was his considered opinion when he gave that.

He did not tell accused when he gave the certificate of conduct what had been given. It might be the practice of C.O.'s when giving a derogatory reference to a junior officer to say what was written. This was with a view to hoping that the junior officer might talk with his senior officer who might change it.

Mr. Silva said that the defence was that there had been such extreme provocation of the accused by Lieut.-Commander Scott-Elliott, that the accused was goaded beyond endurance so that he had done the act in a moment of uncontrollable impulse.

Mr. Silva said that accused was a young medical officer 25 years of age who had obtained his degree in Glasgow University in June, 1944 and joined the Navy in March, 1945.

IN CONFLICT

Mr. Silva said that his case was that the narrow interpretation of navy discipline by a headstrong naval officer came into conflict

ANOTHER EIGHT FOR THE BAG

TOKYO, DEC. 16. ARREST OF EIGHT MORE JAPANESE GUARDS AND OFFICIALS FOR ABUSING PRISONERS OF WAR WAS ORDERED BY ALLIED HEADQUARTERS AS FIVE ARE ALREADY IN CUSTODY FOR MAJOR ACCUSED AND SLATED FOR PROSECUTION SOON AT YOKOHAMA.

The new list includes seven civilians and soldiers from the first branch camp at Muroran, Hokkaido, and a Major Umino, former Commandant of a camp at Pontianak area, Borneo.

All are charged with atrocities and offenses against the persons of United Nations nationals.

PACIFI: SHIPPING

Washington, Dec. 16. Prospects of further restoration of trans-Pacific shipping brightened when the United States Maritime Commission announced that Norwegian shipping companies have filed applications seeking the establishment of an American-Asian cargo service.—Associated Press.

Only Faith And Hope Remain!

LONDON, DEC. 16. "THE ECONOMIST" TO-DAY DEVOTES A 20,000-WORD ARTICLE IN CRITICISM OF THE ANGLO-AMERICAN LOAN AGREEMENT.

Main conclusion is that the loan's conditions almost certainly will entail a chronic deficit of £335,000,000 annually in Britain's balance of payments.

This would be thrice as large as the worst figure during the recent depression of the early 1930's.

Terms of the loan, the journal says, will entirely preclude any possibility of the planned expansion of international trade since they allow only restrictive adjustments.

"The loan agreement certainly is not charity, and without that there remain only faith and hope." —Associated Press.

British Pushing On In Java

BATAVIA, DEC. 15. BRITISH FORCES ENLARGING THEIR MEASURE OF CONTROL IN WEST JAVA, YESTERDAY STARTED TO CLEAR THE WAY TO THE RAPWI AREA AT BUIT, 40 MILES FROM BATAVIA ALONG THE BANDOENG ROAD.

Civil officials are co-operating and the local "Peace Preservation Corps" have recommended full military action against the extremists.

Extremists are still active about the east coast port of Semarang, where a mob fired on a patrol inside the town but without causing any casualties.

—Reuter.

PEACE PARLEYS BEING RENEWED IN CHUNGKING

CHUNGKING, DEC. 15. THE RENEWED CHINESE PEACE PARLEY, SCHEDULED TO OPEN IN CHUNGKING, SHOULD GET UNDERWAY SOME TIME NEXT WEEK WHEN THE ALL-PARTY CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL FINALLY ASSEMBLES. ONE OF THE IMMEDIATE TASKS OF THE COUNCIL, WHICH IS TO CONSIDER ALL OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AND THE CHINESE COMMUNISTS UNDER MAO TSE-TUNG, WILL BE TO ARRANGE FOR A TRUCE IN THE CURRENT CIVIL STRIFE.

Despite recent forebodings, the fighting never has assumed proportions of an all-out civil war.

The Nationalists, observers here believe, are likely to reiterate their previous demands for withdrawal of Communist forces to a distance of 10 kilometers from either side of railroads.

The Communists most probably will insist, as they have in the past, on:

Firstly, similar withdrawal by National forces and,

Secondly, Communist approval of any movements of National forces along the rail lines.

An important question before the council gets down to business will be to settle the issue of voting procedure, and it is possible that the delegates may run into a snag early.—Associated Press.

STEPPING UP OF CHINA RELIEF

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. THE U.N.R.R.A. PLANS TO SPEND AN ESTIMATED \$675,000,000 IN CHINA BEFORE MARCH 31, 1947, SAID DEPUTY-DIRECTOR MR. ROY HENRICKSON. HE SAID THAT THE CHINA PROGRAMME "WILL SOON BE IN FULL SWING."

HENRICKSON, WHO IS FRESH FROM CHINA, SAID THAT THE U.N.R.R.A. WILL BE CONCERNED SOLELY WITH BATTLEFIELD AREAS AND PLACES THE JAPANESE HAD OCCUPIED.

He estimated that 250,000,000 Chinese live in the affected areas. Efforts will be centred in areas in which 100,000,000 Chinese live.

Henrickson divided relief areas into three categories:

(1) Former battlefields such as Hunan province.

(2) Bomb-stricken areas such as Hankow and Canton.

(3) Japanese-occupied areas such as Shanghai, Tientsin and Peiping.

He estimated that \$100,000,000 will be spent for food, including huge amounts of rice which he expected to obtain from Indo-China, Siam and elsewhere.

GREATEST NEED

He said \$50,000,000 would be spent for medicines and hospital equipment the programme of which is limited by the number of doctors in China," estimated at 12,000.

He said that China's greatest need is river and coast-wise shipping which U.N.R.R.A. "will attempt to rehabilitate by underwriting ship operations and supplying materials for the construction of small craft."

—Associated Press.

MacA Building New Democracy

LONG BEACH, CALIF., DEC. 15. THE LONG BEACH "PRESS-TELEGRAM" COMMENTING EDITORIALLY ON THE OCCUPATION OF JAPAN, HIGHLY COMMENDED GENERAL MACARTHUR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND DECLARED HIS "SUREFOOTED BUT RAPID PROGRESS IN BUILDING A NEW JAPAN IN REFRESHING CONTRAST TO THE CONFUSION OF ALLIED ADMINISTRATION IN GERMANY."

THE NEWSPAPER CALLED MACARTHUR'S LAND REFORM PROGRAMME AN ACT OF "PROGRESSIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE STATE SMANSHIP, DESIGNED TO LIFT TEENS OF MILLIONS OF IMPOVERISHED, OPPRESSED NIPPONENSE AGRICULTURISTS TO A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING."

The newspaper noted that had enslaved Japanese farmers for centuries.

It termed the action "an emancipation proclamation which in world history may be coupled with Abraham Lincoln's freeing of the American slaves."

AROUSING MASSES

The newspaper added that in rescuing Nipponee farmers from the circumstances which made it impossible for them to live as human beings, MacArthur "is building a democracy in the only way it can be built, by arousing the masses to a realisation of their rights and to a sense of the injury and injustice done them by the ruling classes of Japan."

The editorial was sharply critical of the divided German occupation and commented:

"There's nothing in the record to encourage the United States to give up its control in Japan to an international body, has laid foundations for a now, not at least until MacArthur has laid foundations for a new Japan." —Associated Press.

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POST FOR GAUSS

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. President Truman today nominated Clarence E. Gauss, formerly United States Ambassador to China, to be a member of the Board of Directors of the Export and Import Bank.—Associated Press.

—Associated Press.

KOGI TAKEN TO HIS VICTIMS' GRAVES

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast: Moderate easterly winds, cloudy with occasional slight rain; cool.

Yesterday's temperature:

Maximum: 69 degrees at 9 p.m.

Minimum: 65 degrees at 6 a.m.

ONCE THE SUPREME MILITARY AUTHORITY FOR THE WHOLE OR JAPANESE-OCCUPIED SOUTH CHINA, A LITTLE MAN, NOT MORE THAN 5 FEET 2 INCHES IN HEIGHT, STOOD BEFORE A TEAKWOOD PILLAR AT STANLEY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHILE ANOTHER JAPANESE PASSED HIS FINGER DOWNWARD OVER JAPANESE KATAKANA INSCRIPTIONS TESTIFYING TO AN EXECUTION THAT TOOK PLACE ON OCT. 19, 1943.

THE LITTLE MAN WAS LT-COL. KAZUO KOGI, THE COLONY'S NO. 2 WAR CRIMINAL, WHO STOOD STIFFLY TO ATTENTION AT THE GRAVE-SITE OVER A DESOLATE WASTELAND SURROUNDED ON THREE SIDES BY AUTUMN-TINTED HILLS. THE GRAVES OF OTHER CITIZENS OF THE COLONY WHO HAD BEEN EXECUTED DURING THE OCCUPATION.

There were a few rough boards testifying to one or two names, but a typical inscription read "15 men and one woman."

It was a sunless afternoon and an eerie feeling may have prevailed were it not for the numbers of those present.

Col. Kogi stood erect and did not appear to be much perturbed.

He was clad in the typical Japanese officer's field uniform

and was on the alert for orders to stand or move. With him was another Japanese, Numuri, once an interpreter at the Shumshuipe Prisoners-of-War Camp.

Numuri appeared to be quite used to the job assigned him and read off methodically the katakana inscriptions, squatting down and turning his face up occasionally to a stenographer who took the names down.

"Have you that one down?" he asked, and "Is that correct?"

The grave, surrounded by stones, and with a pillar surmounted by a stone standing in the middle, bore only one relic of a floral tribute in the shape of a broken bottle with some withered ginseng in it.

The pillar bore on the side facing the sea the names of several of the British dead buried in a common grave, the katakana inscriptions giving the Christian names of the dead in full. On another side it bore the names of two Indians who had been executed, with the names both in English and Arabic.

ON THE DOUBLE

Coming out of Stanley Prison, the two Japanese were run on the double down a rocky path skirting the wall of Stanley Gaol, and then along rocks lapped by the surf by a path overgrown with weeds to the execution ground to which the Japanese had despatched more than one party of prisoners to execution.

The ground itself would, without the sinister implication of the graves, be ground that no party of picnickers would choose as a site to camp.

One of the Commando guard was asked if he would spend a night there of his own volition.

The reply was, "Not on your life. Not unless I had to." It is a waste where, it seems, even nature had rebelled.

SLIGHT AND PALTRY

Col. Kogi kept blinking through most of the period in front of the grave and did not dart any glances around. With the conclusion of the visit, he walked stiffly by the grave without paying much heed to his footing over uneven ground and then, with Numuri once more at his side, broke into a lop on the run back to Stanley Gaol.

The Colonel's bearing was military enough by all standards, but the impression he must have left on one and all probably was: "Could one so sit-ha and patay in appearance really have wielded such power?"

The Japanese average 5 feet 3½ inches in height. The Colonel was a good 1½ inches below this standard and probably weighs very little over 100 lbs. if he is that heavy.

But it was his hand, it is alleged, that signed the death warrant for many hundreds.

Throughout the night, police vans and military transports raced through the West End to night-clubs, dance halls and public houses; the police visited premises where deserters were likely to be found.—Reuter.

NIGHT-CLUBS

Both sides of the River Thames in central London were patrolled by 2,000 Metropolitan policemen and hundreds of British, American and Canadian military police, who made the search. Many of them were employed in sealing off areas and holding up traffic at road-blocks while others kept the underground stations under observation.

Several police stations were full-up with hundreds of people all evening. At one station 70 of these were held for further questioning and three deserters were discovered.

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Suffocated In Steam Chambers

NUREMBERG, DEC. 15. DOCUMENTS PRODUCED YESTERDAY BY THE PROSECUTION IN THE TRIAL OF NAZI LEADERS REVEALED THAT IN THE POLISH CAMPS, THE NAZIS KILLED JEWS BY SUPPOSING THEM IN STEAM CHAMBERS.

The prosecution cited evidence that 1,763,000 persons of different nationalities were exterminated at the Auschwitz and Birkenau camps in two years.

Evidence was also produced showing German plans for deportation and

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AMERICAN LOAN

Mr. Devin's refusal to be un-duly disturbed by gloomy fore-
casts of the consequences of
acceptance of the American loan
terms is contingent on suc-
cessful manipulation of a series of
highly complicated factors. The
key to the whole business, of
course, has nothing to do with
loan interest or Bretton Woods.
It lies in the prospect of a
breaking down of all hindrance
to the free movement of trade,
in the removal of the difficulties
that will most certainly arise at
the proposed world conference.
American policy and she has
perhaps the highest tariff wall
in the world will be decisive.
It is for this reason that the
Cabinet has not hesitated to con-
sent to the principle that Singa-
pore Preference is open to
international challenge, in con-
nection with general tariff
systems everywhere. There is
an inseparable connection be-
tween British prosperity, upon
which the new Government
are avowedly determined, and
Anglo-American economic rela-
tions. This is now widely
understood on both sides of the
Atlantic, and the ability of
Britain and the United States
to maintain full employment
within their own borders in
peace time may influence world
prosperity and stability more
powerfully than any other
single factor. There is, how-
ever, an immediate need for
mutual understanding of all the
factors involved. Just as the
British were entitled to ask that
the special difficulties presented
by the sterling debt should be
sympathetically recognised, so
they were bound to recognise
equally the political, psychologi-
cal, and economic reasons why
the American task of furnishing
work for all, essential though
its achievement undoubtedly is
for the world as well as the
United States, must be more
difficult than theirs. These ten-
sions will be plain from a com-
parison of the character and
scope of the two economies, one
insular and the other continental,
one inevitably reliant
upon overseas supplies and the
other close to self-sufficiency in
most material essentials. One
confronted in the near future
by a decline in the number of
its citizens of working age and
the other by a considerable in-
crease. It was the virtue of
"Transatlantic Employment Out-
look"—recently issued by
Political and Economic Planning
after consultations with its
American counterpart, the Na-
tional Planning Association, that
it displayed the different em-
phases with which the employ-
ment issue presents itself in
the two countries. "America's
employment problem," this
comparative survey concluded,
"is greater than our own largely
because their power to produce
is much greater." Both the boom
of 1929 and the ensuing depre-
sion were more spectacular in
the United States than in Brit-
ain; and all through the 1930's the
American economic machine
was running with a greater
margin of waste—that is, idle
resources—than in Britain.
This difference explains the dif-
ferent war achievements of the
two nations. In 1944, compared
with the last full year of peace,
the number of British civilians
engaged in economic activities
had fallen by 6 per cent., while
output had risen by 2 per cent.
In the United States civilian
employment had expanded by 12
per cent., in spite of a vast en-
largement of the armed forces,
and output had increased by 43
per cent. Full employment in
Britain means setting to work
some 17,500,000 civilians, com-
pared with 16,800,000 in 1944
and 18,000,000 in 1938; in the
United States it means the em-
ployment of about 55,500,000
workers, compared with 51,500,-
000 in 1944 and with 46,500,000
before the war. That is, the
United States must find work
for 10,000,000 more people.
In the words of Mr. Vinson, the
Secretary to the Treasury, "The
American people are in the phen-
omenal predicament of having to
earn to live 50 per cent. better
than they have ever lived be-
fore."

MARY WAS SYPHILITIC. SHE INFECTED A SOLDIER.
THE HEALTH POLICY IN SINGAPORE NOW IS TO
TRACK DOWN SUCH GIRLS. AN ARTICLE IN THE
LATEST "PHOENIX" TELLS HOW IT WAS DONE
AND DISCUSSES BLUNTLY THE FIGHT AGAINST
VICE.

SINGAPORE MILITARY'S FIGHT
AGAINST VICE

For six years the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse have thun-
dered over the world. The death,
famine and destruction they have
left behind is apparent to everyone, but the trail of the Fourth
Horseman is the most deadly of all and its imprint is on all the
peoples of all the lands touched
by the hooves of war. This le-
gacy of the fourth horseman is
disease. One of the most feared of
these is venereal disease. Venerable disease used to be a
hush-hush subject, but with war
the British government boldly
followed the example of the
United States where experience
proved that the best way to combat
the social enemies, syphilis and
gonorrhoea, was to publish
prophylactic and curative facilities.
In Britain the Ministry of
Health bought space in the Na-
tional newspapers and for the
first time the British public was
told about the war against vene-
real diseases; and places where
these illnesses could be cured in
secret were advertised.

PENICILLIN STEPS IN

Treatment has been revolutionized by the use of penicillin.
Two years ago Sir Alexander
Fleming's discovery was used to
treat syphilis and gonorrhoea in
the Central Mediterranean. Since
then it has been used in Western
Europe and now it is used in
South-East Asia. After forty-
eight hours of three hourly infusions
of penicillin, gonorrhoea is cured.
Treatment for syphilis takes
seven and a half days. But specialists point out that it
will take ten years before the
syphilis course has stood the test of time.
Whatever else is true about the first against VD, educational
publicity has been a great aid in combating diseases which
before the war were epidemic and
now threaten to be endemic.

An outstanding figure in the
fight against VD in South-East
Asia is Brigadier W. Davies who
closed Karaya Road, the brothel

fore." The relatively more limited
requirements of full employ-
ment in Britain make it both
more easy and more urgent
than it is in the United States
to prevent a future return of
unemployment. The piled-up
domestic demand of the war
years, which should guarantee
brisk employment while it
lasts, is likely to exhaust itself
in the United States in two or
three years, while in Britain it
may persist for six or seven.
The United States will have to
be ready several years before
Britain with measures to main-
tain conditions of stabilized
boom which go under the name
of full employment. That may
well mean a huge export drive
and it is a justifiable British
feared that an American policy of
seeking domestic employment
in stardom with a trained dresser
in attendance. The charge will
only be 60 cents extra."

Corporal Clarke coughs and ex-
plains that his is not a social call.
The soldier describes the girl.
"Ah," says Mr. Bonolo, "that
little girl! I have already dis-
missed her. It is a pity, though,
because everyone liked little
Mary."

Corporal Clarke decides to in-
spect the place and the pimp
leads the way up the back staircase.
On the landing a slim Chinese girl in green silk pyjamas
prostrates on a camp bed.

The air is tainted with an acrid
smell. Mr. Bonolo flings open the
door of the first room like a far-
mer inspecting his cattle. He
switches on a fan which stirs up the
thick air. The girl on the bed sleeps on though she mumbles
in her sleep.

"I think," says Mr. Bonolo,
"that five dollars is a very reasonable
minimum price for a safe
clean place like mine."

The Corporal goes into room
after room. By the time he has
looked at them all he is gasping
for fresh air. Mary is obviously
not there. But now she will be
traced and by the evening one
pathetic little menace will be in
hospital. Now Clarke has other
work to do. A few hundred yards
away is Annie's House. It pre-
tends to be a hotel.

Annie is a fat gross Chinese-
Malay. Corporal Clarke finds her
sitting back gazing blearily into
the kitchen water from a wicker
chair. She invites him to coffee.
Clarke looks at the greasy dark
liquid in the cracked cup and
pretends to take a sip. He is not
tracing a V.D. contact at Annie's;
he is checking that there are no
soldiers there and that the Out
of Bounds Board is still prominent-
ly displayed.

And so the morning coffee
crawl goes on. Street after street,
one mean house after another,
with their usually partitioned bed-
rooms and tired girls sunk into
wall of gloom. Some of the
houses are well-furnished with
comfortable double beds, flower

embroidered linen and wash bowls.
But many of them are hovels.

At the back of his mind Corporal Clarke is irritated by something that is common to them all.
His mind gropes to find what that
something is. Suddenly he says
he knows. It is a smell that he
met first on the battlefield. It is
the smell of decay and death.

WARWICK CHARLTON.

These places are bathed in disease.
Brigadier Davies declared: "The Japanese did nothing to treat the civilian population and I estimate that ninety per cent
of the prostitutes are infected.
If a soldier, sailor, or airman is infected we ask him to help us
trace his contact."

Pictures which "Phoenix" prints
show exactly how this co-operation
between the serviceman and the medical authorities works.
Every morning at eight o'clock, a
military police jeep swings into
No. 47, B.G.H., Singapore, and
parks outside the V.D. ward. To
the Sister coming off night duty
the driver is just another Red
Cap who appears to be improperly
dressed; he is not wearing a red
cap cover. This is Corporal Fred
Clarke. His job is to trace every
V.D. contact from information
volunteered by fresh cases.

Corporal Clarke has an office
in the V.D. block. Across the cor-
ridor there is a medical officer
examining new cases. Before
they go to tell them to see Corporal
Clarke.

"I reported my infection two
weeks ago," says the soldier to
the Corporal. "Now they have
discharged me with orders to get
blood tests over a period of two
years."

"You don't want any of your
men to catch syphilis, do you?"
says the Corporal.

"No," says the soldier.
"Then I want you to help me
find the girl who infected you."

The soldier starts to talk slowly,
but he gathers confidence. "She
was the prettiest of the bunch,
with long dark hair and she looked
very young, not more than
eighteen or nineteen. She wore
pyjamas. Her name? Er—

"Do you remember where the
house was?" Good. Come along
and we'll find it."

Within ten minutes they are
outside the door. It looks like
any other house in the drab street
except for the blue light outside.
A chubby middle-aged Chinese
removes the wooden bars guarding
the entrance. He is Mr. Boonlon,
the proprietor.

"SHE'S FIRED," SAYS
BOONLOA

"Come right in and have some
coffee," he says, "I am sorry the
girls are unable to receive you,
but they are very tired."

"This is a very fine house.
It is clean and inspected once a week
by a licensed medical surgeon
from the Greater Eye V.D. Clinic.
I am making some changes too:
in a few days I'll have an irrigation
in stardom with a trained dresser
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LIST OF GUESTS

The guests included:—His Ex-

cellency the Commander-in-Chief,

Rear-Admiral Harcourt, Geno-

F. W. Thomson, Brigadier General

A. D. Brook, Air Commodore B. V.

Reynolds, Rear-Admiral Buck-

master, Brigadier D. M. Mc-

Dougal, Brigadier Fellowes, Col.

W. M. Thomson, Brigadier General

John McConnell, Lt. Col. Blake,

Burchard, Capt. Guyver, Sur-

Captain Keating, Captain Lov-

Captain Dalmyer-Smith, Capt.

Captain Simpson, Capt. Trythall,

Col. Burgess, Col. Bass, Col. De-

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BRITAIN'S BATTLE OF CRIME

Turning In Favour Of Forces Of Law And Order

Police Comb-Out Underworld

LONDON, DEC. 15.
BRITAIN'S "BATTLE OF CRIME" HAS, IT SEEMS, TURNED IN FAVOUR OF LAW AND ORDER. THE EXTENSIVE COUNTRYSIDE POLICE DRIVE HAS BROUGHT ABOUT GOOD RESULTS. SCORES OF DESERTERS HAVE BEEN ROUNDED UP. SOME HAD BEEN HIDING FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS.

THE POLICE, WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE PUBLIC, HAS TAKEN THE FIGHT TO CAR-BANDITS, JEWEL THIEVES AND HOUSE-BREAKERS WHO, AFTER A FEW WEEKS IN WHICH THEY INCREASED THE CRIME FIGURES APPRECIABLY, ARE NOW EITHER LYING LOW, BEING WATCHED CLOSELY BY SCOTLAND YARD, OR ARE ALREADY IN CUSTODY.

The public have rendered great aid to the police through increased calls to 999, Scotland Yard's telephone link with the police in cases of robbery, or brawling with intent to commit a robbery.

As a result, more and more arrests are being questioned, through follow-ups to these calls, and through daily comb-out of London's underworld and nightclubs by special constables, and wireless patrol cars, which are in touch all the time with bend counters, are touring the city day and night.

There was an exciting incident in London early to day when a gunman escaped over rooftops in Mayfair as a police cordon was thrown round the whole area. The man was found by an officer in the American Officers' Club in Hill Street.

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE

LONDON, DEC. 15.
LEAVE FOR DETECTIVES THROUGHOUT BRITAIN IS SUSPENDED FOR A GREAT DRIVE TO ROUND UP 10,000 DESERTERS FROM THE ARMY, INCLUDING 600 AMERICANS. THIS WAS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME DECIDED AT A CONFERENCE OF POLICE CHIEFS AT SCOTLAND YARD DURING THE WEEK-END.

MANY PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES HAVE REPORTED CRIME INCREASES VARYING FROM 70 TO 100 PER CENT ABOVE PRE-WAR FIGURES. POLICE CORPS OF THE VARIOUS ARMED SERVICES ARE HELPING THE CIVILIAN POLICE.

More crimes of violence came to light this week-end.

While Mrs. Eleanor Simpson was bound in her house at Chase-road, Southgate North, last

Massacres Of Jews

NUERNBERG, DEC. 15.
SIX MILLION EUROPEAN JEWS WERE SLAUGHTERED RUTHLESSLY IN THE NAZI CAMPAIGN OF EXTERMINATION, ACCORDING TO GERMAN SECRET POLICE DOCUMENTS PLACED BEFORE THE WAR CRIMES TRIBUNAL HERE.

American prosecutors filed an affidavit by Dr. Wilhelm Hoettl, a high security police official, which stated that "approximately 4,000,000 Jews have been killed in various extermination camps while an additional 2,000,000 met death in other ways, the major part of them being shot by operational squads of the security police during the campaign against Russia."—Associated Press.

Homma Trial A Six-Man Job

Manila, Dec. 15.
A six-man staff headed by Lieut-Colonel Frank E. Mook, has been named by the war criminal branch of the United States army forces in the Pacific to prosecute Lieut-General Masaharu Homma on charges of condoning atrocities, including the death march of Batan.

The staff includes the Philippines army Major Manuel Llin, of Manila, plus Navy Lieutenant Benjamin Schwartz, of Los Angeles; Captain C. Hill Wamago, of Kansas; Lieutenant Paul T. White, of Lincoln, Nebraska; and Abraham Haft, of New York. Homma's indictment will probably be returned on Dec. 18 and the trial will begin about Jan. 17.

Three high ranking officers have already been named to the Military Commission, and two other places are still to be filled.—Associated Press.

Food Before Films

During the Food Before Films debate in the House of Commons Mr. Robert Boothby said: "If the physiologists had their way, we should all be living on pills; no doubt we should survive, but life would be extremely dismiserable."

"If the Members will look at the portraits and engravings of their ancestors in Britain, they will see that the British Empire was built up, in the main, by farmers; and the founder of the Empire, Henry VIII, was the fattest of the lot."

"I am persuaded that if we are to get our people to work hard enough to rebuild the strength and greatness of Britain, we must give them more to eat, whatever the physiologists may say."

Advisory Committee To Split Up

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15.
THE FAR EAST ADVISORY COMMITTEE WILL SPLIT INTO TWO PARTS TO WORK BOTH IN JAPAN AND WASHINGTON, THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TO-NIGHT. A SECTION OF THE COMMISSION WILL LEAVE FOR TOKYO ON DEC. 26.

The committee will be:

- (1) Basic policies and objectives. Chairman, Sir Frederick Eggleston, Australian Minister to the United States.
- (2) Economic problems. Chairman, Sir George Sansom, head of the British Delegation.
- (3) Strengthening of democratic processes. Chairman, Mr. Reid Oakland.
- (4) Constitutional reforms. Chairman, Sir Shankar Basuji, Agent-General for India in Washington.
- (5) War Criminals. Chairman, Dr. Ku Shin, Chinese Ambassador to Canada.

Challenged by the officer, the intruder drew his revolver, pointed it at the officer, and then retreated upstairs and out on to the roof of the premises next door.

The officer telephoned the police and the police surrounded the area. Later, they discovered the burglar had abandoned his automatic pistol and a number of other articles that he had taken from the Club in the basement of a "blitzed" house nearby.

It is thought that the man had accomplices who had planned to remove the stolen property before.

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THE GOLD & SILVER EXCHANGE SOCIETY**Most Desperate Man In England**

The most desperate man in Britain is a hunted man who is trying to evade capture until another man is hanged.

Robert Blaine, aged 24, a soldier, was found guilty of murder, and sentenced to death by Mr. Justice Humble, who now sits in the coroner's cell.

His evidence may be vital to the conviction of the other man being hunted throughout Britain and Ireland and who speaks with a Scottish accent.

If the fugitive can keep out of the hands of the law until Blaine is hanged, it may mean the gift of life to him.

Blaine is to die for the murder in Soho of Capt. John Alexander Ritchie, whom he and another man alleged to have chosen at random to rob, after striking him to the ground with a brick.

The search for the second man has gone on for months.

Unless Blaine appeals, he will see only two more Sundays. He is unlikely to appeal, but the authorities, faced with the problem of seeing justice done to both men, may decide to reprove Blaine, to get his evidence.

HOUSE OF PEERS TO REMAIN

TOKYO, Dec. 14.—Premier Shidehara's promise for revision of the House of Peers next year does not include a plan to make the Upper Chamber completely elective, said government sources to-day.

While the present Cabinet has not completed concrete revision of the scheme, those sources indicated that the government is proceeding on the theory of continuing with the House of Peers as an "electorate check room" chamber which is not responsible to the electorate at large. Associated Press.

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GURKHAS KILLED AT SOCCER GAME

LONDON, DEC. 15.—THE PARIS RADIO REPORTS THAT TEN GURKHAS OF THE 21ST INDIAN DIVISION WERE KILLED BY ANAMITES AT A FOOTBALL MATCH IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF SAIGON.

The weapons used were grenades.

Meanwhile, French troops are continuing mopping-up operations between Cholon and the Mekong river, the Radio said.—Reuters.

England Going All Old Fashioned

The plump little man in gold-rimmed spectacles stood up before his self-congratious audience and said: "You'll all be able to do the can-can quite easily if you follow these cardinal points."

He gave a few simple directions, then cautioned: "Remember your number so when I call it out you'll know what to do."

It was Saturday night in a Lower Regent Street, London, cinema where the B.B.C. broadcasts its nostalgic programme, "Those Were the Days." The speaker was Mr. Jack Latimer, 72-year-old Gold Medallist and past president of the British Association of Teachers of Dancing, who, more than anyone, is responsible for the revival of interest in old-fashioned dancing which is sweeping Britain.

IT'S QUITE SIMPLE With a flourish, Harry Davidson's orchestra swept into a spirited Kerry Mills Lancers.

Nervously, then with increasing assurance, the dancers obeyed Mr. Latimer's commands: "It's quite a simple movement. One-two; one-two. Four ladies advance to the centre, curtsey, and retire; four gents, advance, bow and retire. Now circle your partner's waist."

Among the dancers were 12 members of the East Barnet Women's Bowing Club, a portly major, two sailors and three kilted girls from Glasgow.

The Lancers aver, 60-year-old Mrs. Beatrice Kempton smoothed her white hair and said: "Jitterbugging is all right for youngsters but not for us. I like old-fashioned dancing because it has more steps than ordinary modern dancing."

"I think the old dances help to get people together because you don't just dance with one partner," said Mrs. Say.

"Ladies and Gents," It was the indefatigable Mr. Latimer again. "We will now perform a mazurka. After that a barn dance then a waltz schottische." In 30 minutes the dancers had learned all the steps.

READY FOR THE AIR It was seven o'clock and at a signal from Stanton Jeffries, the producer, the live broadcast began. When it was over Mr. Latimer patted his brow with his handkerchief and said: "It's a labour of love. Seventy-five per cent. of those people haven't danced for years. But you saw how they went through the steps perfectly."

Afterwards he said: "We've been broadcasting this programme for over two years, and we know we've helped to start a revival of the old dances, especially in the North. We know that from the letters. And we have a waiting list of over 1,000 people who would like to come here and dance."

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Dinner is being arranged for
Saturday, 29th December or in the
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HONG KONG ROTARY CLUB

By kind permission, a lunch
will be held at the Officer's Club
Glovers Building, at 12.30 p.m.
for 1.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th
December. All past or present
Rotarians who wish to attend or
bring guests please advise the
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**BRITISH MILITARY ADMIN-
ISTRATION, (HONG KONG)**

The attention of all owners or
occupiers of tenements is drawn to
Article 13 of the Rating Pro-
clamation No. 17 whereby certain
returns are required before the
31st December 1945.

Forms for the completion of
these returns are now available
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T. G. STOKES, MAJOR,
RATING OFFICER,
Hong Kong,
14th December, 1945.**NOTICE**

On the nights of Xmas Eve and
New Year's Eve, the roof Garden
of the Hong Kong Hotel and the
first floor of the Peninsula Hotel
will be opened to the public for
Dinner Dances. A further notice
giving particulars regarding prices
and reservations will be published
shortly.

Unpleasant Incidents At King's Park

CORRESPONDENCE**LIVING SPACE**

A MATCH BETWEEN 42 R.M. COMMANDO AND KWONG WAH YESTERDAY, MARRIED BY ROUGH PLAY AND A SERIES OF UNPLEASANT DISPUTES THROUGHOUT, CAME TO AN END FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE FINAL WHISTLE WITH THE CHINESE TEAM WALKING OFF THE FIELD.

KWONG WAH WALKED OFF FOLLOWING A DISPUTE BETWEEN CHINESE AND COMMANDO SPECTATORS WHEN THE SCORE WAS 3-0 IN FAVOUR OF THE COMMANDOS. A FREE-FOR-ALL NEARLY RESULTED WHEN THE LARGE CROWD SURGED OVER THE FIELD.

About 7,000 were present when the game started at the Kwong Wah ground at King's Park.

Kwong Wah pressed from the start and gave was frequently tested in the Commando goal mouth. Commandos rallied and attacked in their turn but half time came with no score by either side.

Commandos were soon on the offensive in the second half and play started to get rough. Young Tse-tung, Kwong Wah's right half, was injured, and some of the Chinese seemed to take the incident as intentional.

NEARLY A FIGHT
In a mix-up in front of the Commando goal a Chinese spectator became involved and a fight nearly broke out.

Sheriff netted twice for Commando and Hitchen added a third. It was shortly after this that a quarrel broke out on the sideline between rival spectators and, with five minutes to go, the Kwong Wah team walked off the field.

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DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A HERO

Jap. Naval Officer Makes Strange Picture.

I DEAD IN KOWLOON TRUCK SMASH

A CHINESE SOLDIER WAS KILLED AND SIX OTHERS INJURED, AND A ROYAL MARINE INJURED, IN A COLLISION BETWEEN TWO TRUCKS IN PRINCE EDWARD ROAD YESTERDAY MORNING.

The accident occurred at the junction of Waterloo Road and Prince Edward Roads shortly before 8 a.m. and involved a three-ton British naval lorry and a Dodge truck belonging to the Chinese army.

The British vehicle, driven by Marine Willets of H.M.S. Nabucco, was travelling down Prince Edward Road and was half way across the junction of Waterloo Road when the smash occurred.

The Chinese army truck, driven by a Chinese soldier and with 10 other Chinese troops on board, hit the naval lorry broadside.

Force of the impact was such that the naval vehicle was knocked over on its side and skidded some distance. Both vehicles were badly damaged.

MINOR INCIDENT

The Chinese soldier driver was killed instantly and six of the Chinese soldiers riding in the truck were injured. Marine Willets received injuries to his face.

The injured were rushed to Kowloon Hospital, where their condition is stated to be not serious.

A minor incident occurred after the smash involving one of the Chinese soldiers, who were armed. The soldier, apparently affected by the shock, jumped off the truck and leveled a loaded rifle at Marlboro Willets.

Prompt intervention by an Indian army sergeant settled the incident which, for a moment, or two appeared as if it might develop.

SEVEN-HOUR HANGING

HAMBURG, Dec. 15. JOSEPH KRÄMER, THE "BEAST OF BELSEN" AND HIS BLONDE SUBORDINATE, 22 YEAR-OLD IRMA GRESE AND NINE OTHERS OF THE NOTORIOUS BELSEN GANG WERE HANGED IN LITTLE LESS THAN SEVEN HOURS ON TWIN GALLOWS IN THE TOWN OF HAMMELN.

Field Marshal Sir Bernard Montgomery's Headquarters announced that the death sentences pronounced a month ago by the British Military Court at Lueneburg had been carried out.

The men were hanged in pairs and the women singly.—Associated Press.

FANCY BROCHURE

Washington, Dec. 15. Secretary of War Patterson to-day challenged the new Navy national security plan as "divisive" to beat the armed service unification and asked his press conference who was paying for the "fancy brochure" to champion the proposal.—Associated Press.

Rebel Tribesmen Score Persian Success

TEHERAN, Dec. 15. THE LOCAL AUTONOMY MOVEMENT IN AZERBAIJAN PROVINCE IS REPORTED TO BE IN VIRTUAL CONTROL OF TABRIZ. TWO THOUSAND REBELLIOUS TRIBESMEN HAVE DEMANDED THE IMMEDIATE SURRENDER OF THE GOVERNMENT GARRISON AT ARDABIL 110 MILES TO

A high Iranian Government source said the fall of the two cities appeared imminent.

Government troops in both cities are said to be awaiting orders from Teheran, instructing them whether to fight or yield in face of superior forces.

Orders were dispatched to them in code on Thursday night but their nature has not been disclosed.

A spokesman at the British and United States Embassy said that a Russian plane carried Ambassador Sir Roderic Bulwer and a United States Embassy representative, John Jernegan, toward Moscow, "obviously" to discuss the Soviet attitude towards the revolt.—Associated Press.

"Indianapolis" Court Martial

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. COMMANDER IKO HASHIMOTO, WHO THE JAPANESE SAY SANK THE CRUISER "INDIANAPOLIS," LOOKS AND ACTS JUST ABOUT THE EXACT REVERSE OF WHAT THE AVERAGE AMERICAN EXPECTS IN A NAVAL OFFICER. THROUGHOUT HIS TESTIMONY YESTERDAY AT THE COURT MARTIAL HEARING OF CAPT. CHARLES MCIVY III, THE UNOBTRUSIVE LITTLE OFFICER SAT ON THE EDGE OF THE CHAIR AND SPOKE SO QUIETLY THAT TWO INTERPRETERS HAD TO STRAIN TO HEAR.

HE TESTIFIED WITHOUT EMOTION, SHOWING NEITHER PRIDE NOR HUMILITY. HE MADE A SOMEWHAT STRANGE PICTURE SITTING THERE IN A CHAIR TOO BIG FOR HIM AND PANTS TOO SMALL.

The prosecution concluded its case to-day in the court-martial which accuses Captain McIvy of negligence and inefficiency in the loss of the heavy U.S. cruiser Indianapolis last July 30.

As final direct evidence the prosecution offered paraphrased transcripts of official secret records substantiating earlier testimony that warning of submarine contact near her course had been made. Fleet Admiral Nimitz ordered a board of inquiry to find out why.—Associated Press.

The defense will start the presentation of its testimony on Saturday.

The "Indianapolis" loss was one of the navy's worst war time disasters, and it came only two weeks before the war's end, making it doubly ironic.

GRAPHIC STORY

At the time the navy announced the loss, the American magazine "Newsweek" gave the following graphic description of the tragedy:

The 9,950-ton cruiser "Indianapolis" delivered the first atomic bomb materials to Guam, then steamed unescorted for Leyte. Shortly after midnight on July 30, two explosions caused by what were believed to be torpedoes ripped open her bow. The flagship of the fifth fleet—Admiral Raymond A. Spruance and his staff were not aboard—went down in 15 minutes without even being able to send out an SOS.

The survivors' stories were among the most gruesome and pitiful to come out of the war. Burned and battered men went temporarily insane during the next four broiling hot days and cold nights in the water.

A sailor shouted that he had seen an island on which the Seabees were drinking huge glasses of tomato juice. A hundred men swam madly toward the mythical island, many never to return.

INCOHERENT BABBLE

Another sailor said the "Indianapolis" was floating just beneath the surface and he had gone aboard for milk.

"Some slipped out of their life-jackets and drowned. Others died from exhaustion. Men cried and babbled incoherently from the pain of infected wounds, broken bones and swollen faces.

A navy Ventura on a routine search flight spotted survivors on the morning of August 2, and the navy sent rescue planes and ships from Ulithi, Peleliu and Leyte. It was 107 hours after the sinking before the 316 survivors were picked up.

"In one of the navy's worst disasters so close to the war's

TEHERAN, DEC. 15. ALL PERSIAN BATTALIONS STOPPED BY THE RED ARMY FROM MOVING INTO AZERBAIJAN HAVE RETURNED TO TEHERAN ON ORDERS FROM THEIR HEADQUARTERS, IT WAS LEARNED LAST NIGHT.

Sir Reader Bullard, British Ambassador to Persia, and Mr. John Jernegan, United States Embassy representative, left Teheran yesterday for Moscow.

A spokesman of the British and American Embassies said that they had gone "obviously for a discussion of the Soviet attitude towards the Azerbaijani Communists' revolt."

Azerbaijan seems definitely lost to Persia, said Nurteza Qualikhan, Governor of Azerbaijan, who arrived here yesterday from Tabriz.—Reuter.

DISMISSED SHIP

(Continued from Page 1) and for his own protection he would ask for the order in writing.

Accused was under arrest for five days. He had pointed that his arrest should be with a view to a trial and protested by way of formal complaints.

SUDDEN IMPACT

It was a fair implication for accused to draw from the fact that his C.O. had made no remarks whatsoever when he handed him the certificate of conduct and that this certificate was a good character reference. The unfounded allegation of a "weak character" came to accuse on the quarter deck as forcibly and as violently as the sudden impact of a blow in an unguarded moment.

Was it surprising therefore that accused should have flown into an ungovernable fit or resentment and in that uncontrollable moment show his resentment of the unfairness by tearing the piece of paper and returning it to the sender?

In conclusion Mr. Silva said:

"If you do not hold me with the provocation shown was in complete justification of the offence charged so that not even a technical offence has been committed, I ask you to rule that on the evidence before you, such a high case has been shown of provocation that the commission of the offence amounts only to the technical commission of the charge laid — of such an infinitesimal criminal value in the eyes of the law as to merit the whole case being placed on the legal basis of a frivolous and vexatious charge and of the charge, therefore, being dismissed accordingly."

At the conclusion of the case, the President of the Court congratulated Mr. Silva on his very good defence.

GERMANS IN CHINA

Chungking, Dec. 1.

All Germans, Americans and Jews from the two countries in China will be repatriated unless they obtain permission to stay from the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

It was announced to-day.

Pending repatriation they will be interned, unless they produce "valuable guarantees."—Associated Press.

Marshall Gets Last Minute Instructions

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. GENERAL GEORGE C. MARSHALL WILL LEAVE BY PLANE AT 9 A.M. EST. ON SATURDAY, WEATHER PERMITTING, FOR HIS SPECIAL DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENT IN CHINA.

The new Ambassador to Chungking called at the White House and spent 15 minutes with President Truman in final consultation.

Press Secretary Charles Ross said that Marshall will take a directly uplifting American policy towards China and that President Truman will issue a public statement on which the directive is based. Ross said that the 1,000 to 1,500 word statement will be released on Sunday.

Marshall will be accompanied by both his military aide and State Department attaché. He expects to reach Chungking next Thursday.—Associated Press.

Canton's Hotels Are Always Full

CANTON, DEC. 15. A HOTEL OVERFLOW PROBLEM AS THE RESULT OF THE FLOW OF PEOPLE FROM INTERIOR CHINA AND THE PRESENCE OF AMERICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL.

THE AMERICAN SERVICEMEN, WHO GENERALLY SAY THEY FIND CANTON AN AGREEABLE CITY, COMPLAIN THAT LATE ARRIVALS CANNOT FIND ACCOMMODATIONS IN THE BETTER HOTELS.

They have to put up with friends or find quarters in crowded billets. Hotels now always full.

Canton prices are rising steadily, but the Americans say the scale still is lower than Hong Kong or Shanghai or Chungking.

It is a common sight to see Americans whisking Cantonese girls about the city in their jeeps, and there never has been any indication of resentment about it among the populace, as was reported from some interior Chinese cities.

There now are nearly 200 American officers and men in Canton. They belong to the transport command and the strategic service unit.

The Canton liaison group was known formerly as the China combat command, which was assigned to train, equip and advise Chinese troops.

Col. George R. Hayman is the senior liaison group officer and the senior American officer in Canton. He divides his time between Canton and Hong Kong.—Associated Press.

EMPLOYMENT BILL

Washington, Dec. 15.

The House of Representatives yesterday voting 264 to 120 approved the Bill setting forth the government policy of maintaining a high level of employment, production and purchasing power pending the measure to the Senate.

AUSTRALIAN GIFT

Melbourne, Dec. 15.

The Australian Wool Board is shipping 200 bales of wool for distribution by the Indian Red Cross in the cottage spinning and weaving industries in Bengal.

The gift is the result of a suggestion by the Governor of Bengal.—Reuter.

60-Year-Old Subaltern Wants To Return

(By Dr. George Gretton.)

ONE OF THE MINOR WAYS IN WHICH ENGLISH SOCIAL HABITS HAVE BEEN MODIFIED BY THE WAR IS THAT STRANGERS ARE NO LONGER SHY OF GETTING INTO CONVERSATION.

This is partly because public

transport is at present so crowded,

that dignified aloofness would seem ridiculous, and partly because the people of Britain as a whole have been so imbued in these six years with a sense of the common tasks and dangers shared that many minor conventions have disappeared.

I thought he typified the com-

mon people of Britain in this

age—resilient and hardheaded.

—London Press Service.

Tragic Toll

Piping, Dec. 15. Maj.-Gen. Keller E. Rocken, U.S. marine corps commander in North China, to-day listed 100 marine fliers dead, three missing and two injured and still in the interior, as a result of crashes of six Hellcat planes during a snowstorm Dec. 8. Searchers have sighted five planes in Communist-held territory.—Associated Press.

Too Much Hot Air At Pearl Harbour Enquiry

WASHINGTON, DEC. 15. IMPATIENCE WITHIN THE PEARL HARBOUR COMMITTEE OVER THE TIME BEING CONSUMED IN ITS INVESTIGATION FLARED WITH CHAIRMAN BARKLEY, DEMOCRAT OF KENTUCKY, THREATENING TO RESIGN AND THE COMMITTEE'S FOUR-MAN LEGAL STAFF ASKING TO BE RELEASED.

BARKLEY SAID EVIDENTLY THE ENQUIRY WAS GOING TO RUN FOR MONTHS AND HE IS WEIGHING THE QUESTION WHETHER HIS DUTY TO THE SENATE OR HIS DUTY TO THE COMMITTEE IS GREATER.

He told his colleagues he will decide in a few days.

William D. Mitchell, chief counsel and former Attorney-General, said he accepted the position with the understanding that his services would end in early January.

The resolution creating the Committee directed it to report by January 3.

Mitchell complained that some Committee members were engaging in such lengthy examinations that only eight witnesses were heard thus far and at least 60 remain.

The Pearl Harbour Inquiry, the Hurley case and the Republicans were caustically criticized by Interior Secretary Harold Ickes before the National Citizens Political Action Committee in Chicago to-day.

SOUND TRIMMING

In a speech with darts aimed at the Republicans handling of the Pearl Harbour Inquiry and the Hurley incident, Ickes said the Republicans "already have picked their own nominee for 1948. They are determined to discredit the late President Roosevelt.

"My own confident prediction is that Roosevelt dead will give them as sound a trimming as ever did Roosevelt living."

He cited the Hurley charges as an "attempt by reactionary Republicans who are getting ready for the 1948 Presidential elections."—Associated Press.

Broke Into C.B.S. Medical Stores

LEI CHI WAI, HUNG CHOI, AND LEE SANG WERE CHARGED BEFORE LT. NIGEL YESTERDAY WITH BREAKING INTO THE MILITARY MEDICAL STORES AT THE CENTRAL BRITISH SCHOOL AND WITH ATTEMPTED LARCENY ON FRIDAY MORNING.

L.A.C. Arbon, giving evidence, said that at 7.05 a.m. he went to the C.B.S. and saw a Chinese running away from the premises. He suspected there were more in the building and, looking through the window, saw the three accused inside.

The room, in which over \$20,000 worth of medicine was stored was heavily with fumes as one of the bottles had been overturned.

He called L.A.C. L. H. Mett and when the fumes had dispersed, they went in and arrested the accused.

All pleaded guilty but said that they had not stolen anything. The first two were each sentenced to three months' hard labour. Third accused stated he was only 15 years old and sentence was postponed in his case.

Rangoon, Dec. 15. General Aung San, President of the Burma League, told Reuter to-day: "The Governor's recent speech at Mandalay, that the door is still open for the League's participation in the Executive Council, is only eye-wash.

"We rejected even the Governor's offer of seven of 11 seats on the Council. How can we accept the remaining three seats?"

Mr. James Byrnes of the United States already there, Mr. Ernest Bevin of Britain is due to arrive at any minute and M. Molotov of Russia is waiting to receive them.

Outline the future course, San said: "We shall try our best to pursue a peaceful programme.

We are holding an all-Burma convention in January and propose sending a delegation to Britain to present the case for self-government.

"We shall also take steps to make the proposed Asiatic Potem Conference, which will demand our liberties, a success. We shall discuss the question with Nehru during his forthcoming visit to Burma."—Reuter.

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